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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting re Sources and Methods Protection

1. Group reaction (Deputies, [redacted] to the DCI's speech on sources and methods was very positive. Concern, however, was expressed about a CIA role in increased public policy education. Leaks and sanitizing for public policy education were discussed, the latter being the primary focus.

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2. The options considered boiled down to four:

- CIA reactive: recognizing the probability of continued Administrative desire for sanitized release of intelligence for political purposes, and responding to requests.
- CIA initiative: likewise accepting political reality but anticipating interest in release and preparing a balanced unclassified report with the classified version.
- Community educative: both in response to requests and anticipating interest, do a Community white paper for public consumption.
- The right thing: continue to produce classified factual product and require the policy makers to be the spokesmen for their policy, using the facts but not revealing classified data.

3. Additional discussion included the educative value of the DCI's speech for many policy-level types whose world has not caused them to focus on some of the points we think are basic: like not considering press allegations, whether factual or not, to constitute declassification by virtue of the information being in the public domain.

4. The Group all came down on the fourth option if the DCI considered it realizeable--noting that it hasn't been. All agreed that it is imperative to preserve CIA credibility, both for objectivity and source protection concern.

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